

Letter to Grandchild

Dear Future Grandchildren,

I am your grandfather, Nicolas D. Janis. The only thing is – I'm only 16 years old and am writing this letter to you in January 2020 as a requirement for my English class this semester at Independence High School in Brambleton, VA. I am a Sophomore and am busy with School, Band, and Sports. My favorite classes are Computer Math and AP World.

The thing I will remember most about my first semester at Independence is Band and the friendships I made while there. The people I will not forget from my first few months at Independence are Troy, Alex, Annabelle, and Kylie, among others because of how great of friends we've been over the past couple of years and how great of times that we have had in Band.

My parents were very supportive while I was in high school. I'll never forget all the times they help me out and gave me the opportunities that I have had throughout my life. One rule they made me follow when I was in high school was to always be respectful towards others. When I have children I will have them have a strong respect for people and treat them well.

One major chore or responsibility I had in high school was to do my best and try my hardest regardless of the outcome. This was a good rule because it taught me to try hard but not beat myself up if I didn't get the best of the best as long as I know that I gave it my all.

One thing I worried about this year was AP World because of the stigma associated with the class. One thing I never had to worry about was my ability to learn anything I set my mind to.

The thing I was happiest about was the opportunities that I got since coming to Independence because of all the new things I have learned and all the new people that I have met during this time.

In 2019 the cost of gas was \$2.58. The cost of my favorite meal at California Tortilla was 11.00. My favorite song 2019 – 2020 was Ave Maria by Supa Squad. My favorite movie that came out in 2019 – 2020 is Angel Has Fallen. Other popular movies that came out around this time were: the Star Wars movies, Avengers Endgame, and Hobbit Battle of the Five Armies. The term or "it" phrase that my friends and I used the most was "bruh".

In 2020, the style for teenagers could be said to have been athletic or comfy clothes. It was common to see phones, AirPods, and lanyards when walking down the halls at school. I usually get to school by 8:00 AM. After school, I do work, sports, and play with my cats. For fun, I like to work on computers and electronics as well as run. My hobbies are running, computers, and learning new skills. My favorite sports are track and baseball.

Our current president is Donald Trump. He'll be remembered most for his need to speak his mind. Some historic achievements that have happened this year were the impeachment of a president and Brexit may finally happen. The biggest problems facing our country and state this year are the crisis with Iran and the immigration issues.

The biggest problems facing our country or world are Global warming, Mass surveillance, and threats of nuclear war.

I have pets—a cat named Grace that I got when I was 9, a cat named George... The latest technology this year is “Smart” technology; the gadget that I cannot live without is my computer because of the amount of work I do with it. My favorite vacation was to Disney with my family when I was 9.

Eventually, I’d like to marry a nice girl after I’ve I have set a good base for myself in life and live in a good place that we both agree on. I hope to travel to Portugal sometime in my life to see where my Mom was born and where my family is from. My dream vacation would be to travel to places in Europe. I hope for the future that I will have a better understanding of people and the world so that I may help make an impact. My advice to you, future grandchildren, is to listen more than you speak.

Lastly, I would like to leave you with a few tips. One always be willing to learn new things. As Francis Bacon once said, “Knowledge is Power”, and let that serve as a reminder to you that you can never have too much knowledge. Secondly, always be careful of people and what you tell them, people are not always what they seem and you should tread carefully and always be careful of the people you trust. In the end, I hope you consider the words in this letter, but more than anything I wish you luck in the world and I hope you have success wherever or whenever you are.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Janis